THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – (2021/2022)
FINAL EXAMINATION – LEVEL V (SEMESTER II)
DSU5356 – ETHNICITY IN EVERYDAY LIFE

DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)

Date: 2023.02.25	Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer FIVE (05) questions only. Each question carries TWENTY (20) marks.

1) Can ethnic identity stand alone in South Asian society without any connection with other forms of identities of a person? Discuss citing relevant examples from Sri Lanka or elsewhere in South Asia.

2) Explain how the colonial classification of Sri Lankan people has contributed to Sri Lanka's current ethnic division.

3) a) Make a list of characteristics of ethnic relations in post-independent Sri Lanka. (5 Marks)
   b) Describe the nature of any **two (02)** characteristics selected from the list prepared above in shaping ethnic relations. (15 Marks)

4) Suppose you have been appointed by the Sri Lankan government to discuss with the so called "Sri Lankan diaspora community" in Europe to draft a new constitution for Sri Lanka with the aim of resolving ethnic tensions and conflict in Sri Lanka. Describe the major points that you will include in the agenda.

5) Describe the role of food preparation and consumption as a marker of ethnic boundaries in Sri Lanka or the South Asian region citing relevent examples.

6) Compare and contrast the constructivist approach with the instrumentalists approach which explains the shape of ethnicity and ethnic relationship in a given society.

7) Discuss the contribution of cyber space in intensifying the ethnic identities in Sri Lanka.

8) Discuss how ethnic and class relations have influenced the patterns of violence in Sri Lanka, taking relevent local examples.

9) Write short notes on any **FOUR (04)** of the following:
   (i) The politicisation of ethnicity
   (ii) Fully implementation of 13th amendment to the constitution as a solution to the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka.
   (iii) The nature of ethno-religious tensions in the post-*aragalaya* period.
   (iv) The forgotten or disappeared ethnic groups in Sri Lanka.
   (v) Ending ethnic conflict via military means is as the best solution.
   (vi) Blurring ethnic boundaries in Sri Lanka